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**SAN ANTONIO WOMAN SENTENCED FOR SOLICITING MURDER FOR HIRE**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced this morning that 30 year-old Heather Souza was sentenced to five years in federal prison by United States District Judge Xavier Rodriguez for hiring someone to murder her husband.

On January 23, 2007, the FBI was contacted by the Converse Police Department who stated that Heather Souza was attempting to hire someone to kill her estranged husband who lives in Los Angeles, California.

Souza was willing to pay someone \$10,000.00 to complete the murder and provided verbal instructions regarding the manner in which her husband was to be killed, her husband's place of employment and his work schedule, a detailed sketch of the inside of her husband's residence, street maps and aerial photographs of her husband's residence. She also provided \$332.00 in United States currency to be used for travel expenses.

Souza pled guilty to Use of Interstate Commerce Facilities in the Commission of Murder for Hire on April 19, 2007. This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Converse Police Department. It was prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney David Counts.

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